



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Teri Rennia, City Council President
Angela Holmes, City Clerk

MINUTES
City Council Business Meeting
Council Chambers, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, N.Y.
August 21, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Rennia called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Rennia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko, Teri Rennia, Lea Webb, Chris Papastrat, John Matzo, Bill Berg

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jeremy Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk; Allison Sosa, 2nd Assistant Corporation Counsel

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the City Council Business Meeting held on August 7, 2013 and the Special Business Meeting held on August 9, 2013.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Webb.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Motion to approve the minutes from the Municipal and Public Affairs Committee held on August 19, 2013.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Papastrat.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Councilman Motsavage noted for the record that Binghamton City Council will hold a Special Work Session on Wednesday September 4, 2013 at 5:30pm to review the preliminary recommendations for the City of Binghamton's Comprehensive Plan. This Special Work Session will take place immediately prior to the regularly scheduled Business Meeting.

POINT OF ORDER

As a point of order, Council President Rennia noted for the record that Time Warner Cable has been having technical difficulties, and the Business Meeting may or may not be broadcasted.

PUBLIC HEARING

Introductory Local Law 13-1. Considered in Planning and Community Development, Chair: Webb

A Local Law establishing a home improvement tax exemption program

Note: Notice of the public hearing was published in the Press & Sun Bulletin on August 16, 2013.

In Favor: None

Opposed: None



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POINT OF ORDER

As a point of order, Council President Rennia stepped down from the President's Chair during public comment in order to avoid the appearance of impropriety during the election season. Council President Pro Tem Berg assumed the President's Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS

Douglas Walter Drazen, Sharon Nieminski

POINT OF ORDER

City Council President Rennia resumed the President's Chair to conduct the remainder of the Business Meeting.

SECOND READING LEGISLATION

Introductory Ordinance 13-55. Considered in Planning and Community Development, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of 24 Livingston Street to Raja M. Tariq for \$17,500

1. Motion to approve the legislation.
Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.
2. Motion to amend the legislation to include the following sections:

Section 2. The transfer is subject to the condition that the Applicant, Raja M. Tariq, must (i) complete repairs to the Premises, including the roof, and obtain a certificate of occupancy or certificate of compliance for such repairs within six months from the date of transfer; and (ii) occupy the Premises as his principal residence for five (5) years beginning thirty (30) days after a certificate of occupancy or certificate of compliance is issued. If the Applicant violates either of said conditions, then he will pay the City an additional \$15,500.00, in accordance with the City Assessor's appraisal of fair market value of the Premises as an investment property.

Section 3. That the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development will confirm residency at least annually.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.

3. Motion to approve the legislation as amended.
Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-53. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

FIRST READING LEGISLATION

Introductory Ordinance 13-57. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance authorizing a budget transfer in the 2013 Water and Sewer Budget for postage

Note: Council President Rennia requested that her name be added to the sponsor list.

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.



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Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-54. (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: Papastrat

Introductory Ordinance 13-58. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance authorizing various transfers in Emergency Shelter Grant funding to carry out eligible activities

Note: Council President Rennia and Councilwoman Webb requested that their names be added to the sponsor list.

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Berg.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-55. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Introductory Ordinance 13-59. Considered in Municipal and Public Affairs, Chair: Motsavage

An Ordinance amending Section 400-21 of the Code of the City of Binghamton, regarding meetings of the Traffic Board

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Webb.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-56. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Introductory Resolution 13-73, Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Fairview Recovery Services, Inc. for the use of Emergency Shelter Grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$13,000

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Berg.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 13-73. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Introductory Resolution 13-74, Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Broome County Catholic Charities for the use of Emergency Shelter Grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$5,389

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Webb.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 13-74. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Papastrat, Matzo, Berg, Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Rennia

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:20pm.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.